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World Festival of Youth and Students, A Powerful Anti-War, Anti-Nuclear Peace Movement

The World Festival of Youth and Students is a powerful anti-war peace movement which originated and has developed from the idea and aim of defending the peace and security of the world against imperialism and war.

It is because of this that the World Festival of Youth and Students is attended by the progressive youth and students, a peace-loving force. This is why the contents of the festival functions assume out-and-out anti-imperialist, anti-war and peace-loving character.

The Festival has a tradition of holding grandiose opening and closing ceremonies, solidarity meetings, demonstration, meeting with each other, debates held in the centres with varied themes, political functions and colourful cultural and sports ones. The participants in all these functions have, through them, strengthened solidarity among themselves for the national liberation and independence, democracy and social progress against imperialism, colonialism, racism, Zionism and all sorts of aggression and interference.

The 13th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held in Pyongyang will become an important landmark in the development of the anti-war, anti-nuclear peace movement, in conformity with the urgent demand of our age and the desire of the world's youth and students and other people.

Today, mankind is in a grave danger with the imperialists' scheme for aggression and war and the increase of nuclear armaments.

To mankind that stands at the crossroads of war and peace, nothing would be more urgent and important than to prevent nuclear war and defend peace. Only in a peaceful atmosphere free from war, destruction and the nuclear weapons, can the peoples successfully accomplish the mankind's common cause of achieving independence and social progress and prosperity.

With the participation of many delegates from the five continents, the Pyongyang Festival will raise, as its basic contents, the problems of anti-imperialist solidarity, anti-war, anti-nuclear peace and arms reduction,

most urgent ones on the international political arena of the present times. Thus this will help much towards cementing unity and cohesion of the world's youth and students in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism, militarism, fascism, racism and Zionism that have gotten used to their domination and subjugation of other countries and nations, international terrorism, trampling upon human rights and towards defending peace and democracy.

The 13th WFYS acquires particular importance for anti-war, anti-nuclear peace movement as it is to be held in Korea where there is the gravest danger of nuclear war and which is standing directly opposite to US imperialism.

Nearly 50,000 US aggressor troops are now stationing in south Korea, with over 1,000 pieces of nuclear weapons deployed.

Holding the World Festival of Youth and Students in Korea where a tense situation is created by US imperialism is of great significance for making the participants in the Festival deeply realize the danger of nuclear war and the urgency of peace movement and for vigorously conducting the international solidarity movement.

Through the Pyongyang Festival, the anti-war, anti-nuclear peace movement will be further strengthened, the imperialists will be hit hard, for they are trying to inflict again holocaust of nuclear war upon mankind and the might of the united world's youth and students demonstrated.

The Pyongyang Festival will surely become a grand political festival which reflects in depth the urgent demand of the present situation and age and the common aspiration and desire of the world's youth and students; it will arouse broad public opinion against the US imperialists' scheme for aggression and a new war, and thus mark an epochal event in the carrying out of the anti-war, anti-nuclear peace movement of the progressive people, youth and students who are advocating Chajusong (independence).

I Strongly Condemn the “Team Spirit” Joint Military Exercise Running Counter to Peace and Reunification

(Press Statement of Choe Ryong Hae, Chairman of the Korean
Preparatory Committee of the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students)

I cannot repress surging indignation against the scheme of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets to stage the provocative “Team Spirit” joint military exercise again when multi-channeled talks between the north and the south are placed on the order of the day and the general situation is developing favourably.

As is already known, the 13th WFYS will be held in July in Pyongyang under the idea of anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship.

It is a big pride and pleasure and a national great happy event for all the youth and students of the north and the south that this Festival is to be held in Pyongyang as the first one in the East in its over 40 years' history.

Out of desire to share the pleasure together with the brothers in the south who are of the same blood with us, to jointly take part in the international anti-imperialist and peace movement aimed at removing the danger of war and creating a new world on the global and to join the efforts in the cause for the country's peace and peaceful reunification, we invited the youth and students in south Korea to the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students.

And we proposed to hold north-south student talks to discuss the practical problems arising from it. To this, the patriotic youth and students in the south made a hearty response, and thus we have come to have a prospect to hold meetings and talks which were miscarried on the days of June 10 and August 15.

If south Korean youth and students participate in the Pyongyang Festival, a way for an epochal turn will open for the creation of an atmosphere of reconciliation and unity between the north and the south and friendship and solidarity with the world's youth and students will be further deepened.

This is why the entire youth and students of the north and the south earnestly hope that Panmunjom student talks will open as early as possible and south Korean youth and students will take part in the Pyongyang Festival without fail.

This notwithstanding, the south Korean rulers commit the criminal act of aggravating the situation and undermining the atmosphere of dialogue by staging the provocative “Team Spirit” joint military exercise with the US imperialist aggression forces.

Regarding the scheme of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppets to stage the “Team Spirit” joint military exercises again as an unpardonable criminal behaviour running counter to peace and reunification and a deliberate provocative act of barring the north-south dialogue, I strongly condemn it.

Though the south Korean authorities busy themselves making a poor excuse that the “Team Spirit” joint military exercise is “annual” and “defensive”, it is not a secret to anybody that they are none other than a play with the fire to mount a surprise forestalling attack on us with nuclear weapons.

Military exercises promoting confrontation and aggravating tension are incompatible with dialogue for detente and unity.

I think that if the south Korean authorities are truly interested in dialogue, they will not dare stage a war game against the dialogue partner with the dialogue decisive of the future of the nation at hand, however persistently the United States may force it upon them.

I strongly demand that the United States and the south Korean authorities must unconditionally stop the “Team Spirit” joint military exercises which are obstructing detente and dialogue on the Korean peninsula.



Sure to be a Successful Festival

It is a great honour and happy event for our country and nation that the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students is to be held in Pyongyang, the capital of the revolution, this year.

Our people and youth and students are busy preparing for the 13th WFYS to be unique and successful.

The World Festival of Youth and Students which is held under the slogan of "For

Anti-Imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship!" is quite different from other international gatherings dealing with a field of the international society, and art festival and athletic meets. It is an auspicious international gathering covering all domains including politics, art and sports.

Under the wise leadership of the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il we pushed


ahead with preparation work for the Festival and achieved a lot of successes. In this course, we have accumulated various experiences and gotten confidence and courage that we can make a better preparation of the Festival.

The Festival is at hand.

And there are lots of work to do yet before the Festival. We should accelerate our work and wind up in short

A rehearsal for the opening functions





Discussions are often made at the Opening and Closing Functions Department of the KPC of the 13th WFYS to work out the better designs of the Festival functions



period preparation to ensure the Festival at a high level.

We must enhance the functions and roles of the Korean Preparatory Committee of the 13th Festival, thereby improving the work of every department and section for the creation of atmosphere more favorable for the Festival.

We will concentrate our strength on finishing as early as possible the construction of the structures for the Festival such as main function places, hotels and houses.

The World Festival of Youth and Students has colourful functions, their contents and forms are diversified and complicated as it is a gathering of the youth and students who are sensitive to the new and have a strong

enterprise.

We will arrange its opening and closing ceremonies and mass gymnastic display with utmost care and hold every political, solidarity and friendship meeting and art and sports functions to suit the idea of the Festival.

We are ready to greet all the delegates and guests for the Festival warmly and provide them with all conditions and services so that they can participate freely in the Festival without being inconvenienced.

The grand National Festival which is now being held divided into political, art, sports and economic festivals in various parts of our country is a prologue of the successful holding of the Pyongyang Festival.

The grand National

Festival of the Korean youth and students will add to the Festival atmosphere and fully display the noble ideological and spiritual character of the young people of the host country who are rallied and united with the sense of morality and obligation.

It is a firm determination and will of our Party and our youth and students to make the Festival a grand festival of friendship and solidarity of the youth and students of 5 continents.

We will make the 13th WFYS a grand political festival and epochal event equal to a new milestone in the development of the world youth movement.

Ryu Gwan Jin, Vice-Chairman of the KPC of the 13th WFYS



We want peace

Ibrahim Zakaria, General Secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions sent replies to written questions raised by a reporter of the newspaper "Rodong Chongnyon" in our country.

It reads in part:



Question: How would you assess the role of the 13th WFYS, which is to be held in Pyongyang, in the struggle of the world's people, youth and students for peace against a new world war, thermonuclear war?

Answer: The Festival, we believe, will provide an excellent opportunity for a vast international dialogue among youth and students to forge new world links of solidarity in the struggle to build security and cooperation, guaranteeing human rights, democratic advance and social progress.

The WFTU has put forward the idea of an immediate ten per cent cut in arms expenditures. The Soviet Union has recently made a unilateral declaration on troops reductions of half a million. The DPRK had reduced troops by 100,000 last year and had earlier transferred 150,000 personnels from the armed forces to the civilian labour force.

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"The Festival to Further Cooperation among

active efforts of the DPRK, supported by broad masses of the Korean people, for the declaration of the Korean peninsula as a nuclear-free zone. The WFTU has fully supported this proposal and has called for the immediate withdrawal of all nuclear weapons stockpiled in south Korea by the US forces. As you are aware, the WFTU has completely supported the comprehensive proposals made by the DPRK for the elimination of tensions and for negotiations to bring about the peaceful reunification of Korea, as a major contribution to peace and security in Asia and the World.

From all these points of view, I am sure that the Festival and the world wide mobilisation around its aims will contribute immensely to the struggle of world peoples for peace and security and for international cooperation for social progress.

Question: What will be the Pyongyang Festival's contribution to the strengthening of the unity and cooperation among working youth and world over?

Answer: The World Federation of Trade Unions, its affiliates and many trade union organizations all over the world subscribing to the aims of the Festival, completely share its great ideas of uniting the youth in bonds of human solidarity. We consider that the preparations being made in all continents show a spirit of unity and solidarity to bring together the youth and students as well as the working youth organized in trade unions, to engage in an active debate over the present and the future, of shared ideals and common tasks before young people in all countries.

In this way, the Festival will constitute an important stage in the efforts to further strengthen the unity, solidarity and cooperation among working youth the world over.

Question: What message would you like us to transmit to the working youth of our country on the occasion of the Pyongyang Festival?

Answer: The WFTU highly appreciates the enthusiastic participation of the working youth and trade unions of the DPRK in the tremendous preparations which have to be made to organize such a big World Festival for the first time in Asia. Such a huge task of organization can be accomplished only by mobilising the energy and enthusiasm of the young people and we are happy that this enormous effort has already begun to bring good result in building the necessary infrastructure and various facilities needed.

All these are seen as great contributions by the young

Will Be An Important Stage in Efforts Strengthen Unity, Solidarity and Working Youth the World Over"

people of the DPRK to international solidarity and the struggle for the rights and interests of the youth of the world and for peace and international cooperation for social progress. At the same time, the Festival provides the opportunity for young delegates from all over the world to learn from these rich experiences of the youth of Korea, to know the terrible human problems of a divided land and also to reiterate their solidarity with the Korean people's struggle for the reunification of their country.

On behalf of the WFTU, I wish the working youth and all young people in the DPRK all success in fulfilling the colossal tasks which they have taken on hand in ensuring the success of the Festival. These accomplishment of the young working people of Korea will provide great inspiration to the young working people in all other countries.

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Gymnastic dance "We Sing Pyongyang Festival"





We Will Do Our All to Splendidly Adorn the Festival

Alfred Gros, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Free German Youth, who headed the delegation of the GDR National Preparatory Committee for the 13th WFYS was interviewed by a reporter in Pyongyang on January 18 before his departure for home.

He said that during his Korean visit he was deeply impressed by the efforts made by the fraternal Korean people, youth and students to successfully ensure the 13th WFYS, looking round the site of construction of Kwangbok Street nearing completion, the modern sports establishments and facilities in the newly built Chongchun Street, the construction site of the Rungrado Stadium and others.

We saw with our eyes that modern theatres and sports facilities

in which Pyongyang Festival functions will be held and hotels, welfare service facilities and all other architectures are being built up flawlessly everywhere we went in Korea, he noted, and continued:

The architecture of the Rungrado Stadium is peculiar and magnificent; there the opening and closing functions of the Festival shall be wonderfully held. It is nearing completion with the capacity of holding any world-scale events. Such stadium cannot be seen anywhere in the world.

Delegates of youth and students who will come to Pyongyang for the Pyongyang Festival from the five continents of the world will express great admiration for and satisfaction with the sincere efforts made by the people, youth and

students of the DPRK to successfully ensure the festival.

Indeed, the Pyongyang Festival will strikingly demonstrate the united might of the youth and students of the five continents.

Touching upon the activities the Free German Youth is organizing and carrying on for the preparations for the 13th WFYS, he said:

Organized in Berlin, the capital of the GDR, and in local areas are the selection of delegates to the Pyongyang Festival and political, cultural and sports activities as preparation for the Festival.

The Free German Youth is further animating the atmosphere for the Festival by making propaganda for the Festival in various forms

The Tourists Hotel is under construction in Chongchun Street



"We Have Come to Pyongyang for the Festival"

The delegation of working officials of the Communist Youth League of China headed by Wang Sheng Hong arrived in Pyongyang on January 20 for the preparation of the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students.

Its members had talks with the relevant officials of the Korean Preparatory Committee of the Festival about some practical problems arising in preparing participation of the Communist Youth League of China in the 13th WFYS at the invitation of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea.

The delegation had also an interview with a reporter of the "Festival Bulletin" on January 23.

This is what were said in the interview.

Reporter: I would like to hear your impression of Korea which is pushing ahead with preparation for the 13th WFYS.

Wang Shenghong: What touched us most while we were going round Pyongyang, venue of the Festival, was that the Korean people and youth did work a good deal.

Looking round many places like Kwangbok Street, Chongchun Street and Rungrado Stadium, we have seen with our own eyes the Korean people and youth have made a great effort for the Festival.

Your people and youth achieved unimaginable miracle-like successes in a little over 2 years.

This struck us with admiration and we are rejoiced over this rather than the Korean people and youth.

Reporter: The fact that

with the oncoming Festival was the friendship between the youths of China and Korea.

The participation of the Chinese youth in the Pyongyang



The delegation of working officials of the Communist Youth League of China

Chinese youth will take part in the Festival is drawing attention of the youth and students and youth organizations of many countries of the world. What do you think of it?

Wang Shenghong: No sooner had the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea proposed to hold the 13th WFYS in Korea, than we expressed our full support to it.

Not long ago, to be exact, last year, we declared that we would participate in the Festival at the invitation of the LSWYK.

We are, of course, well aware that the youth organizations of different countries are paying deep attention to it.

What we considered carefully

Festival means, first of all, the active support of China to Korea.

On the other hand, we are very interested in deepening friendship with many youth organizations of the world through the direct contacts during the Festival.

We hope friendship of the youths of our two countries which has long history and firm foundation will be further deepened, and at the same time, express our sincere support and solidarity to the youth of Korea and many other countries of the world which are devoting their all to the Festival.

We have come to Pyongyang for the Festival.

and methods.

The forthcoming Pyongyang Festival will mark an important occasion in strengthening and de-

veloping the friendship and unity among the progressive youths of the world as well as between the peoples and youths of our two

countries to a higher stage.

The GDR people and youth will make every possible effort to add brilliance to the 13th WFYS.



The delegation of the Czechoslovak National Preparatory Committee for the 13th WFYS



WFDY Delegation

The delegation of the World Federation of Democratic Youth headed by its President Walid Masri paid a visit to Pyongyang, venue of the Festival, from January 16 to 19.

The delegation looked round many places such as public buildings, educational, cultural and public welfare service facilities and the newly-built Chongchun Street—the large-scale combined sports base—as well as high-rise dwelling houses in Kwangbok Street which are under construction as the grand edifices of the era of the Workers' Party of Korea.

It also visited the Rungrado Stadium where the opening and closing ceremonies of the 13th WFYS will be held grandly.

It congratulated the builders on their labour successes in constructing the magnificent and peculiar stadium under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The delegation of the WFDY looks round the site of the construction of Kwangbok Street

The delegation of the National Youth Union of Algeria for preparation for the 13th WFYS





Festival Preparation Goes On

In Cuba

According to the report, there were held the open meetings from January to nominate candidates of delegates to the 13th WFYS. A young one named Manuel was elected a delegate for the first time for his exemplary devotion in the construction of the Cuban Exhibition.

In Mongolia

Work to prepare the Festival is also being briskly conducted in Mongolia. Clubs are being run in Ulan Bator and other places to ensure it with propaganda of the idea of the festival movement, meetings and lectures connected with the Festival and the founding of the Solidarity Fund for the Festival.

The Mongolian Revolutionary Youth League has sponsored a contest entitled "My Contribution to the 13th WFYS" scheduled from January 5 to April 15.

The contest is aimed at encouraging the young people to greater efforts in their contribution to the Festival fund, doing effective work among themselves for the Festival and preparing presents for the Festival.

A meeting of the Mongolian National Preparatory Committee for the 13th WFYS on January 20 organized a 250-member delegation to the Festival which consists of representatives from breeders, industrial workers, intellectuals, Mongolian People's Army soldiers, activists of the Mongolian Revolutionary Youth League, artistes and sportsmen.

A Bazaar of Youth

On December 31 last year opened a bazaar of youth in Vientiane under the sponsorship of the Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Youth Organization of Laos in connection with the 13th WFYS.

Money earned there, it plans, will be used as solidarity fund for the Pyongyang Festival.

National Youth And Students' Contest of Art Works and Songs

The national youth and students' contest of art works and songs opened on January 16 at the Accra Art Centre under the sponsorship of the Ghanaian National Preparatory Committee for the 13th WFYS.

At the opening ceremony the speakers pointed to the significance of the Festival and called upon the youth and students of Ghana to actively take part in preparation for the Festival in conformity with the ideal of the Festival.

In Yemen PDR

A joint meeting of the Public Information Commission and the Culture Commission of the Yemen PDR was held in Aden on January 7 to make better preparation for the 13th WFYS.

The plan of public information and culture for preparations for the Festival was discussed at the meeting.

A Firm Conviction

The delegation of the Soviet National Club for Preparation of the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students paid a visit to our country.

Mikhail Yuvkin, head of the delegation, expressed his impression of Korea:

Going round many places in Pyongyang and localities including modernly-built sports facilities in the newly-built Chongchun Street and the construction site of Kwangbok Street, we learned well that preparation for the Festival are briskly progressing in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the host country.

The structures which have been built in Pyongyang for the Festival are very magnificent enough to successfully ensure the grand Festival functions of diverse forms. They will impress favorably the delegates of youth and students not only from the Soviet Union but also from the five continents of the world.

We became firmly confident that the Pyongyang Festival will progress with splendour to gratify the desires and aspirations of the world's youth and students who are fighting for peace, friendship and democracy.

The youth and students of the Soviet Union will further deepen the friendship and solidarity with the Korean youth and students through the Festival. I wish the Korean youth and people a greater success in their work to prepare the Festival.

The Soviet National Preparatory Committee at-

taches a great importance to the Festival and is directing great efforts to its preparation. Now organized and conducted in the Soviet Union are political and cultural functions, assisting work and other various work for the Pyongyang Festival.

The Soviet youth are eagerly waiting for the Pyongyang Festival due in July with the feelings of friendship.

Through the Festival, the world's youth and students who want peace will see and know the reality of the developed Democratic People's Republic of Korea and clearly learn the sufferings of a divided nation.

The Soviet Party and Government will as ever support the righteous struggle of the Korean people and jointly fight for peace and friendship of the world people.

A modern football ground being constructed on Yanggak islet



The Central House of Youth is rising in peculiar style on the bank of the Taedong River



Koryo—the First Unified State in History of our Country

Koryo was the first unified state in the long history of the Korean nation.

Korean feudal society which had come into being in the 1st century B.C. remained separated into several small states or 3 or 2 kingdoms until early 10th century. Eventually the Korean nation had to cover the extremely complicated path caused by division, there could be no uniform development in spite of their same bloodlineage.

Koguryo advocated unifying 3 states into one and struggled for its realization but came to failure because of treachery of Silla (one of the 3 states) — the treachery of bringing in the foreign forces in the middle of the 7th century. Thus, from the latter half of the 7th century to early 10th century, the two states — late Silla and Palhae which was born succeeding to old Koguryo—coexisted. And in the 10th century late Silla was divided into Husamguk (Taebonguk, Hubaekje and Silla).

There was urgency of unifying the territory and nation. This urgent task was fulfilled by Koryo established in 918.

Koryo unified the countries of the same blood in 935 and the following year and, thus, became the first to be the unified state in the history of our country.

Koryo was so named to succeed to Koguryo and fixed Kaesong, the old land of Koguryo, as its capital.

Koryo waged consistently her resolute struggles against foreign

invasions for her independence and sovereignty, maintaining high international prestige through the whole period of its existence.

In nearly 500 years of its existence, Koryo had to fight wars more than ten times to repulse the ceaseless foreign enemies' invasions. And the Japanese pirates invaded her more than 400 times, but each time, her people won victory over them, exalting the nation's honour.

Koryo also paved the way to the golden age of the development of the creative talent and material wealth of her people.

Metal type was invented and used in the early 12th century, the first of its kind in the world, and a rapid progress was also made in astronomy by observing a sunspot.

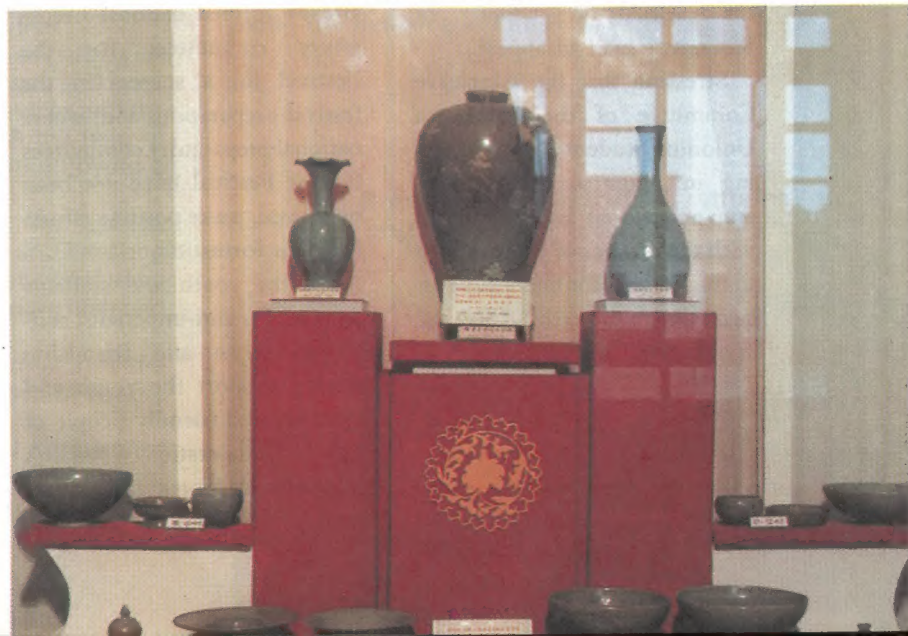
Koryo celadons became famous for its majestic and queer colours, styles and patterns; and Koryo paper, ink, Koryo ramie cloth, silk fabric, straw-mat and fan were also well known in the world for their special and excellent quality.

The mouth of the River Ryesong famed as the international trade port was frequented by foreign trade ships and Kaesong resembled a thriving international market with numerous foreign merchants.

The world people of those days regarded Koryo as a civilized, indomitable and strong country and admired it as an eastern courteous and ideal country.

Koryo was thus known as "Korea", as it is called today, in Asia, Europe and the rest of the world.

Celadons of Koryo



South Korean Students' Hearty Response

Appreciating the position taken by Koryo in the long history of the Korean people, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung proposed, putting forth the line of the country's reunification, that in case the north and the south institute a confederation in a single name of the country, it is advisable to name it the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo after Koryo which existed long in our country, known to the world as a unified country.

The Korean people, the homogeneous nation, have been suffering from the pain of division of the country for nearly a half century due to the occupation of south Korea by the US imperialists.

Today our people, amid the active support and encouragement of the world people, are making a strenuous effort to found the Democratic Confederal Republic of Koryo so as to achieve the national reunification.

The Korean Preparatory Committee for the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students and the Korean Students Committee sent a letter in December last year to the National Council of Student Representatives in south Korea, inviting to the 13th WFYS the south Korean patriotic youth who are struggling to achieve the national reunification without interference by the outside forces, under the slogan of anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship. To this the National Council of Student Representatives made a hearty response.

According to the report of Pyonghwa Sinmun dated January 22, its Acting Chairman Chong Myong Su said:

"It is indisputably reasonable that students in the south should take seat with those in the north for the World Festival of Youth and Students to be held not in other country but in Pyongyang. The significance of participation of south Korean students in this Festival should be sought in their contribution to the national reunification and anti-US movement for independence. South Korean students must go to Pyongyang intently, not from any curiosity to simply visit."

Touching upon the fact that because of the US troops' occupation of south Korea and the nuclear weapons deployed there, the situation of the Korean peninsula is tenser than any other places in the world, the Acting Chairman said:

"In such situation it is very significant that the world's young people get together in the northern part of Korea and discuss about imperialism and peace. It is contradictory that the south Korean authorities are trying to continue with the 'Team Spirit' joint military exercise, while clamouring about the 'restoration of trust' between the north and the south. An unhesitating step should be made this year towards the reunification."

"Everybody for the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students!"

The Executive Committee of the All-Africa Union of Students issued an appeal.

Stressing that the Executive Committee of the All-Africa Union of Students held a meeting in Maputo, Mozambique and acquainted itself in detail with the process of preparations in the African continent for participating in the 13th WFYS, the appeal said:

All the organizations affiliated with the All-Africa Union of Students and other student organizations should

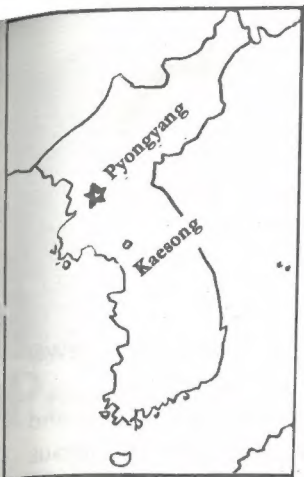
strengthen their activities in the already formed national preparatory committees for the Festival for a success in the festival preparations and, where national preparatory committees for the Festival have not been organized, make positive efforts for their formation.

All the youth and students fighting for anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship should support the youth and students and friendly people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and donate money with sincerity to the

International Solidarity Fund in order to successfully hold festival functions in Pyongyang in July 1989.

All the national preparatory committees in Africa should enlist many youth and students and sufficiently ensure their proportion in national delegations to the Festival and let them positively contribute to the preparations for the Festival in their countries.

Everybody for the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students!



Situated in the central part of our country, Kaesong lies to the west coast.

It was once named "Songdo" for its having numerous pine trees and was the capital (919-1392) of Koryo, the first unified state in our country.

Until 1950, that is, before it was embraced in the bosom of our Republic, it had remained a small commercial town.

But now it is a cultured modern city, consisting of one municipality and three counties and occupying a proud position in our country as a modern light industry city and as a base of socialist agricultural production: its large light industry plants, local industry factories and socialist farms get a large share of the country's production.

Its streets are lined with 14-20 storeyed dwellings centering Mt. Chanam and they are in good harmony with Korean style gable roof houses and some historical relics, fraught with deep national emotion.

In the past ten years, in particular, Kaesong's feature has changed beyond recognition with five newly-constructed modern streets including Sungjon and Tongil Streets, tens of thousand of dwelling houses and Tongil House and Chanam Health Complex, Senior Middle School No. 1, a house of culture, a maternity hospital and Pakyon recreation ground and welfare facilities.

The countryside of the city has silicate-brick dwellings, high-rise apartment houses and cosy tile-roofed houses, bus and water services and the ri hospitals. Farm work is done with the help of machines and chemicals; farmers are enjoying a happy life as good as in town.

And Kaesong is famous for its special products—Koryo Insam, ramie cloth and Kaesong Koryo ceramics and for its special diet—beef soup with rice, wrapped pickles, brass chafing dish and dumplings.

At the foot of Mt. Songak there stands the Koryo Museum with a total floor space of twenty thousand square metres.

On display there are pagodas and tombstones and other relics and remains showing superior wisdom and talents of our nation who had brilli-

Kaesong

antly developed the economy, science and culture from olden times.

Today, Kaesong receives tourists from many countries of the world every year.

For the foreign friends and guests who will come to the Pyongyang Festival, the Kaesong Folk Hotel has been built in a peculiar style.

About 8 kilometres southeastwards from the city, you can see Panmunjom along the military demarcation line dividing our country into two.

Panmunjom is the historic place where the US imperialists signed the armistice agreements after disgracefully losing the three-year Korean war.

There at Panmunjom are held the meetings of the Military Armistice Commission to denounce the US imperialists for their provocative and hostile acts and violation of the agreement.

In the south of the demarcation line, the reinforced concrete wall has been set up, from east to west, ten metres high, five metres wide and 240 kilometre-long.

This wall is not a historic relic handed down from the bygone days but was constructed intentionally by the US imperialists and their stooges to separate forever our nation into two.

When they visit Panmunjom and Kaesong during the Festival, youth and students from five continents shall know what is the source of Korean division and the truth of Korean problem and have good glimpse of happy life of youth and students and people of developing Kaesong lying along the demarcation line.

The South Gate (historical remains) in Kaesong



Peculiar Souvenirs

With the desire to celebrate the 13th WFYS colorfully our youth and people are devoting their efforts to its preparation.

A few days ago, I visited the Wonsan Souvenir Plant busy with producing peculiar souvenirs.

"Our plant has produced souvenirs of various kinds with the Pyongyang Festival ahead," said an official of the plant.

I was shown round a gallery where were on show the objects of metal craftworks named "bugler signalling opening of the festival", "general of Koguryo", "at war with dragon", wooden works named "big tiger", "eagle perch-

ing", expensive "jewel blind", glistening "jewel necklace" and others.

All this was portraying well the long history and the national custom of our people and the famous animals of our country, with rich feelings and firm spirit of our nation.

I was led to the workshops.

Choe Won Chol, a technologist working in the metal craftworks workteam, had this to say:

"The idea of the Pyongyang Festival is very wonderful. At the thought of the guests who will come from 5 continents, I hit on clever ideas one

after another and feel as if my skill were improving."

In the wood-carving workshop I was attracted by "eagle perching", "two pandas" and other works.

We also looked round the decoration workshop where were produced various kinds of decorations like beautiful blind and met workers making great efforts in the preceding.

Everywhere in the plant, I was touched by the young people's devotion to preparation for the 13th WFYS.

Convinced those souvenirs would give pleasure to the guests, I left the plant.

Souvenir embroideries carrying the idea of the Festival

